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**GREAT MINDS IN STEM RECOGNIZES CHEVRON'S CARLOS L. AGUILERA FOR EXECUTIVE EXCELLENCE AT 2009 HENAAC CONFERENCE**

*Vice President & General Manager, Business Development, for Chevron Africa and Latin America receives honor during national conference*

**LOS ANGELES** – Great Minds in STEM honored Carlos L. Aguilera, Vice President & General Manager, Business Development, Chevron Africa & Latin America Exploration and Production Company, with the Executive Excellence Award during the 2009 HENAAC Conference in Long Beach, Calif.

While the conference's Award Show included stars like Tony Plana of the television series *Ugly Betty* and musical group Jazz on the Latin Side All Stars, the true stars of the evening were the award winners for their achievements in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). A Selection Committee of professionals from industry, academia and the government selected Houston-based Aguilera for the Executive Excellence Award.

"Every HENAAC honoree must be truly stellar, as he or she represents the best in the field," said Ray Mellado, CEO and Chairman of Great Minds in STEM. "Amazing role models like Carlos Aguilera not only inspire our next generation of technical leaders, but raise the bar for that generation as well."

In the international gas and oil industry, Aguilera has blazed a trail of dynamic executive leadership that spans 30 years and reaches around the globe. Today, as Vice President & General Manager, Business Development, Chevron Africa & Latin America Exploration and Production Company, his portfolio includes the Latin American Business Unit; the Nigeria Mid-Africa and Southern Africa Strategic Business Units; and the Libya and North Africa region. In a region that has more than 7,100 Chevron employees, Aguilera is responsible for business development of three multibillion dollar Liquefied Natural Gas projects, one in Latin American and two in Africa.

To his colleagues, Carlos is an executive of exceptional vision and personal accountability who sets extremely high standards for himself. His courageous spirit of hope and progress inspires his employees not only to believe in him, but also to trust their own ability to achieve every goal.

A genuine pride in his own Cuban roots has led to a fundamental belief in diversity and inclusion that has opened doors for Chevron Worldwide. In every one of his Chevron assignments Aguilera makes a point of connecting with the people in nearby communities, allocating human resources, funds, tools, and time to help them improve their lives.

As an executive member of Chevron's Somos Latin American and Hispanic Employee Network Group, he dedicates a tremendous amount of discretionary effort to promoting its goals. He encourages young

Latinos to value and use the diverse gifts of their Hispanic heritage as they compete for success in all aspects of their lives.

Aguilera earned his bachelor's degree in geology at Louisiana State University and his M.B.A. at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For a complete listing of award winners presented during the HENAAC Conference, please visit [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

### **HENAAC Conference**

Focusing on effective recruitment, recognition, and retention of Hispanic talent in STEM, HENAAC conference activities honor excellence, build and reinforce networks, and strengthen company, agency and school pride. Through seminars, award shows, competitions, middle and high school programs and high-level panel discussions, the conference focuses on the crucial areas of STEM in education, government and industry to better prepare U.S. students and professionals for a future heavily reliant on these fields.

### **Great Minds in STEM**

Great Minds in STEM, formerly known as HENAAC, is dedicated to keeping America strong by promoting STEM careers, especially in underserved communities. HENAAC will remain as the conference name, one aspect of the vast programming that Great Minds in STEM offers. While the organization's name has changed, the vision and mission remain the same. The name change reflects the expanded role of Education Programs and other efforts taken to promote STEM careers in underserved communities. For more information, please visit [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

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Great Minds in STEM honored Carlos L. Aguilera (left), Vice President & General Manager, Business Development, Chevron Africa & Latin America Exploration and Production Company, with the Executive Excellence Award during the 2009 HENAAC Conference in Long Beach, Calif. The award was presented by Walt Maguire (right), Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration & Production Company Manager, during the conference's Award Show.